



# COMMEMORATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF CUITO CUANAVALÉ

## PROGRAMME ROADMAP



### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The year 2008 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale. The Commemoration was seen as an ideal opportunity to recommit South African society, through Parliament, to the quest for global solidarity and to pay homage to the thousands of foreign compatriots who paid the ultimate price for ensuring South Africa's liberation.

The Commemorative Programme entails a multifaceted, multi-national series of projects implemented through short-term, medium-term and long-term activities.

### CORE OBJECTIVES

1. To reveal parts of our modern history that was either distorted or ignored by the previous regime.
2. To internalise the values, such as internationalism, global solidarity and selfless human unity that inspired and informed the South African liberation struggle.
3. To strengthen the common pursuit for peace, development and the quest for universal human rights.
4. To create a space for the generations of our people who were involved in the liberation movements, to transfer the values that underpinned the struggles against injustice and suppression, to the next generation.
5. To create partnerships across the erstwhile political and military divide in an attempt to facilitate dialogue towards greater reconciliation in our country's continued quest to build a united nation, at peace with its past.

### CHAMPIONS

Speaker of the National Assembly, Minister of Sport and Recreation,  
Minister of Arts and Culture & Minister of Intelligence Services

### STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM

### TASK TEAM

### SHORT-TERM PROGRAMME OF EVENTS, 2008

#### Kick-off Celebrations, March 2008

- a. Media Briefing and Convoy Send-off Ceremony
- b. Heritage Trail

#### Second Stakeholders' Forum

#### Africa Month Celebrations, May 2008

- a. Theatrical Launch, 'Cuba: An African Odyssey', 8 May 2008
- b. Screening Programme, 'Cuba: An African Odyssey', 12 – 22 May 2008
- c. Speakers' Luncheon, 26 May 2008
- d. Public Forum at Rhodes University, 28 May 2008
- e. Multi-national Sport and Cultural Event, 8 June 2008

#### Third Stakeholders' Forum [Date TBC]

#### December Celebrations, 2008

- a. Academic Conference, 4 – 5 December 2008
- b. Media Briefing and Release of Conference Reports, 16 December 2008
- c. Launch of Exhibition on the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale, 16 December 2008
- d. Multi-national Cultural Festival, 16 December 2008

#### Fourth Stakeholders' Forum, January 2008 [Date TBC]

### MEDIUM-TERM PROJECTS

#### Partnership and Resource Mobilisation Cluster

#### Women and Youth Cluster

#### Living Heritage Cluster

#### Historical Documentation Cluster

#### Trauma Healing Cluster

#### People-to-People and Cultural Exchange Cluster

### LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES

#### Education Campaign

#### Reconstruction and Infrastructural Development Campaign

#### Development Assistance Campaign

#### Reconciliation Campaign

#### Voluntary Youth Programme